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Announcing  
the 1922-1923  
Presentation  
of Irís  
Peony  
Phlox

**COLUMBUS  
FLOWER  
GARDENS**

**COLUMBUS  
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## INTRODUCTION

**I**N making our initial bow to the great host of lovers of garden flowers, we come before you with this modest little word-picture, trying the best we can to tell you about the really unusual collection of hardy flowering plants and bulbs that are being grown here and from which you may select for your own home grounds.

First we wish to tell you about our organization, and who is responsible for satisfactorily handling the business we ask of you.

Mr. A. B. Cunningham, during years of practical experience as grower of a general line of ornamental stocks, from time to time collected and tested a great number of varieties of Peonies, Irises, Phloxes, etc., and through a process of elimination of kinds rating below a certain high standard of quality and increasing those kinds of outstanding merit, with a feeling of confidence in the results obtained, now offers the benefit of his experience and efforts to those interested in beautifying their home grounds.

Mr. C. H. Libbert, an active member of our organization, is in direct management of the sales department and it is his pleasure to help you in the solution of your problems pertaining to selection and the proper care of your plantings.

It shall continue to be our policy to first test out on our own grounds all plants and bulbs obtained from outside sources before sending them to our customers and through this policy, which probably is not in general practice, positive assurance of stock being as represented, may prevail.

The Columbus Flower Gardens and office are located on the East 10th St. Road, adjacent to the city of Columbus, Ind. Visitors are always welcome. Our twenty-one acre tract of ideally adapted land is wholly devoted to the culture of specialties.

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Orders for Peonies, Phlox, Iris and other perennials should be sent in as early as possible. Our descriptive list of Gladioli, Dahlias, etc., will be issued in early spring.

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As to our responsibility, we refer you to any bank or business house in our city.

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Twelve plants of any one variety will be sold at ten times the price per each. Six at dozen rates. Rates per 100 will be specially quoted.

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Terms net cash with order, unless special terms have been previously arranged.

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Shipments are best made by express, but small orders may be sent by parcel post when sufficient remittance is made to cover postage.

## DOUBLE HERBACEOUS PEONIES

We have withdrawn from our list and discarded many varieties that have been found inferior to the newer introductions. It embraces many of the latest and best varieties hybridized by Dessert and Lemoine of France as well as the productions of the older French growers, such as Calot, Guerin, Verdier and Crousse. It includes some few of the best introductions of Kelway of England as well as selections from the noted growers of our own country.

In our list of Peonies the figures which follow the names denote the value rating, according to the American Peony Society's Symposium issued in 1921. These figures represent the condensed opinion of many growers as to the quality of the plant and the beauty of the flower. The valuation was on a scale of ten; 10.0 representing the highest excellence; 9.0 shows very high quality; 8.0 good and 7.0 fairly good quality. There are perhaps 400 or 500 named varieties of Peonies in the trade, but we do not boast of a lengthy list. Our list comprises all desirable shapes and shades and there should be no confusion on the part of the amateur in making selections.

Peonies will thrive in any well-drained, deeply dug, fertile soil. Good garden soil is all that is required. An occasional application of bone-meal or well decomposed manure after the plants have become established may be made if necessary. The eyes or buds should be set about 2 or 3 inches below the surface. Space the plants at least two feet apart; a distance of three feet is better. The season for planting Peonies is from September 1st until the ground freezes. We do not dig and ship Peonies in spring.

Prices quoted are for one each of one-

year-old plants or strong divisions. While many of the varieties listed are new and scarce the purchaser may depend upon receiving roots of satisfactory size.

**Adolphe Rousseau, 8.5.** (Dessert & Mechin, 1890.) Deep brilliant red, with metallic reflex. One of the finest of its color. Early midseason. \$2.00.

**Alsace-Lorraine, 8.8.** (Lemoine, 1906.) Large, flat, semi-rose type. Creamy white with a golden halo. Strong grower, free bloomer. Late. \$4.00.

**Avalanche, 8.7.** (Crousse, 1886.) Large, cream-white, crown type. Delightful fragrance. Growth strong. Extra fine. Late midseason. \$1.50.

**Baroness Schroeder, 9.0.** (Kelway.) Large, globular, rose type. Flesh-white, fading to milk-white. Very fragrant. Tall, free bloomer. Late midseason. \$1.50.

**Clair Dubois, 8.7.** (Crousse, 1886.) Very large, globular, rose type. Deep violet-rose, tipped silvery white. Late. \$1.50.

**Couronne D'Or, 8.1.** (Calot, 1873.) Large, flat, semi-rose type. White with yellow tints, center petals tipped carmine. Late. 75c.

**Duc de Wellington, 7.8.** (Calot, 1859.) Large flowers of good substance; white guards with sulphur center. Very fragrant. Strong; free; midseason. 50c.

**Duchess de Nemours, 8.1.** (Calot, 1856.) Sulphur-white, cup-shaped flower of medium size. Strong grower and free bloomer. Fragrant. Early. 75c.

**Edulis Superba, 7.6.** (Lemon, 1824.) Large; bright mauve-pink; rose type. Strong grower; free bloomer. Very early. 50c.

**Elizabeth Barrett Browning, 9.2.** (Brand, 1907.) Flowers very large, on long stems. Very soft shell-pink, changing to



pure white. Outer petals and center marked crimson. Extremely fragrant. Very late. \$20.00.

**Eugenie Verdier, 8.6.** (Calot, 1864.) Large, flat flower of semi-rose type. Pale hydrangea pink, collar lighter; center deeper, flecked crimson. Very fragrant. Tall, erect, free bloomer. Midseason. \$1.00.

**Felix Crousse, 8.4.** (Crousse, 1881.) Large, globular, bomb type. Brilliant red; fragrant. Strong growth. Midseason. 75c.

**Festiva Maxima, 9.3.** (Mieliez, 1851.) Very large flower of rose type. Pure white with crimson flecks on central petals. Tall, strong grower. Early. One of the best. 75c.

**Germaine Bigot, 8.5.** (Dessert, 1902.) Very large; pale lilac-rose, center flecked crimson. Strong; free bloomer. Midseason. \$2.00.

**James Kelway, 3.7.** (Kelway, 1900.) Very fine, large, rose-white flower, changing to milk-white. Tall, strong, free bloomer. Early midseason. \$1.50.

**Karl Rosenfield, 8.8.** (Rosenfield, 1908.) Large, globular, semi-rose type. Dark, brilliant crimson. Midseason. \$2.50.

**Kelway's Glorious, 9.8.** (Kelway, 1909.) Enormous, full double; very beautiful. Color creamy white, with soft blush of rose. Very fragrant. Late midseason. \$35.00.

**Lady Alexandra Duff, 9.1.** (Kelway, 1902.) An immense cup-shaped flower with wide imbricated petals. Outer petals pale pink, shading lighter toward center. Very fragrant. Midseason. \$10.00.

**La Fee, 9.2.** (Lemoine, 1906.) Large, compact, globular flower. Rose-pink with creamy white center. Strong, tall grower and free bloomer. Very fragrant. Early. \$12.00.

**Lamartine, 8.4.** (Lemoine, 1908.) Large, compact, globular, rose type. Color car-

mine-rose, bordered silvery white. Tall, erect, strong grower. Fragrant. Extra good. Late. \$8.00.

**La Tulip, 7.5.** (Calot, 1872.) Large, flat, rose type. Lilac-white, outer petals striped with crimson. Tall, strong grower and free bloomer. Fragrant. Late midseason. 50c.

**Le Cygne, 9.9.** (Lemoine, 1907.) Enormous, perfectly formed, globular, pure milk-white flower; petals incurved. Very fragrant. Erect, medium tall, stiff stems. Free bloomer. Midseason. Considered by many the one perfect flower of the newer Peonies. \$20.00.

**Livingstone, 8.1.** (Crousse, 1879.) Large, compact, rose type. Pale lilac-rose, silver tipped, center petals flecked carmine. Strong, free bloomer. Late. \$1.00.

**Longfellow, 9.0.** (Brand, 1907.) Very large flower of cherry crimson color. One of the best reds. Midseason. \$10.00.

**Mme. Calot, 8.1.** (Mieliez, 1856.) Large, rose type. Flesh pink with center shaded darker. Very fragrant. Strong grower and free bloomer. Very early. 75c.

**Mme. Crousse, 7.9.** (Calot, 1866.) Large, pure white, showing crimson flecks in the center. Good grower; free bloomer. Midseason. 75c.

**Mme. de Verneville, 7.9.** (Crousse, 1885.) Large, very full; pure white, center tipped carmine. Fragrant; medium height; strong growth. Midseason. 75c.

**Mme. Ducel, 7.9.** (Mechin, 1880.) Very large, well built flower of light mauve-rose with silvery reflex. Free bloomer; fragrant. Early. 75c.

**Mme. Emile Galle, 8.5.** (Crousse, 1881.) Large, compact, flat, rose type. Deep lilac-white, shading lighter in the center. Tall, strong. Late. \$1.00.

**Mme. Emile Lemoine, 8.9.** (Lemoine, 1899.) Large, globular, compact, semi-rose type. Milk-white. Tall, strong grower and free bloomer. Midseason. \$1.50.

**Mme. Jules Dessert, 9.4.** (Dessert, 1909.) Large and beautiful flower of exquisite coloring; the petals are white, but shaded with buff and salmon tints. One of the most beautiful Peonies in existence. Late midseason. \$7.50.

**Marechal Vaillant, 7.5.** (Calot, 1867.) Large, rose type bloom. Color, pure mauve-rose. Very late. 75c.

**Marguerite Gerard, 8.4.** (Crousse, 1892.) Very large, full flower of semi-rose type. Color flesh-pink, fading to creamy white. Strong grower and free bloomer. Late. \$1.00.

**Marie Crousse, 8.9.** (Crousse, 1892.) Large, full flower; tall; strong. Soft shell-pink with salmon tints. Fragrant. Midseason. \$2.50.

**Martha Bulloch, 9.1.** (Brand, 1907.) Enormous cup-shaped flower of soft rose-pink; well formed and of good substance. Strong grower and free bloomer. Fragrant. Late. \$25.00.

**Modeste Guerin, 7.8.** (Guerin, 1845.) Large bloom, typical bomb. Uniform deep pink or light solferino-red. Very fragrant. Strong, reliable, free bloomer. Midseason. 75c.

**Mons. Dupont, 8.3.** (Calot, 1872.) Large, flat, semi-rose type. Milk-white, center splashed crimson. Tall, erect, fragrant. Midseason. \$1.00.

**Mons. Jules Elie, 9.2.** (Crousse, 1888.) Immense, globular, very full flowers. Color glossy lilac-pink, shading to deep rose at base, the entire flower overlaid with a sheen of silvery hue. Tall, vigorous growth. Early midseason. \$1.00.

with narrow yellow border. 25 cents each.

**Governor Hughes.** S deep violet tinged with red; F still deeper shade with large orange beard. Delightfully fragrant. \$2.50 each.

**Her Majesty.** S rose-pink; F bright pink, shaded darker. 25 cents each.

**Isoline.** S silvery lilac; F purplish old-rose with golden throat and yellow beard. Very beautiful. \$1.00 each.

**Kochii.** Syn. Black Prince. S and F of the deepest purple, the falls having a translucent black coating; buds soot black. 20 cents each.

**Lohengrin.** S and F uniform shade of soft cattleya-rose. Large flowers and free bloomer. 25 cents each.

**Loute.** S light blue and heliotrope; F reddish purple and bronze. Flowers large and striking. 50 cents each.

**Madam Chereau.** Pure white, prettily edged and penciled with light blue. Tall. 20 cents each.

**M. Aymard.** S rose-violet; F same with veinings of purple. Rare. \$2.00 each.

**Mrs. Alan Gray.** S and F a delicate orchid pink. Free bloomer. 35 cents each.

**Mrs. H. Darwin.** White; F slightly reticulated violet; early. 20 cents each.

**Mrs. Neubronner.** Very deep golden yellow. 30 cents each.

**Monsignor.** S rich satiny violet; F velvety purple-crimson with lighter margin; large flowers. 35 cents each.

**Nuee de Orage.** S slaty gray; F bronze and purple. Very large flowers. 75 cents each.

**Pallida Dalmatica.** S lavender; F clear deep lavender; flowers large and very fine. 30 cents each.

**Prosper Laugier.** S fiery bronze; F

velvety ruby purple with orange beard. Very handsome. 35 cents each.

**Queen of May.** A lovely, soft, rose-lilac, almost pink. 15 cents each.

**Sherwin-Wright.** S and F rich golden yellow. Vigorous growing and free flowering. 40 cents each.

**Tamarlane.** S pale violet-blue; F deep violet-purple with yellow beard. 75 cents each.

**Siberian Iris.** Smaller flowers than the preceding type.

**Orientalis, Blue King.** Dark blue flowers in June. 20 cents each.

**Orientalis, Snow Queen.** Beautiful white flowers. 25 cents each.

**Japanese Iris.** These close the season of bloom in Irises and while apparently not so hardy in the northern sections of the country as the so-called German type, still on well-drained soils, they are reliably hardy in this and more northern latitudes. Gorgeous is a word that fitly describes their beauty. Price, our selection in assorted varieties, separately labeled, \$2.50 per doz.

## PHLOX

Following the Iris and Peonies in time of bloom, but in no way behind them in popularity, are the Hardy Perennial Phloxes. The large size and perfect form of the new varieties will be a revelation to those who know only the old-fashioned kinds with their dull colors and small flowers. Our list includes the newest and finest productions of Europe and America.

Phlox may be planted in the spring or fall, but the best time for planting is during the months of September and October. Rich soil, deeply dug and plenty of moisture in dry seasons is necessary if best results are obtained. Mulch with well-rotted manure

for the winter. Divide and transplant every third year. Phlox is occasionally attacked by mildew and if the leaves are sprinkled with water and afterward dusted with sulphur, the disease will be arrested.

Blooming size, 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen; \$15.00 per 100, except as noted. Six of a kind at dozen rate, fifty at hundred rate, provided that not less than six of a kind are ordered.

**Aetna** (medium). Fine salmon-scarlet with dark crimson eye.

**Eclaireur** (tall). Bright rose-carmine with rays of rosy white in the center of floret; large.

**Elizabeth Campbell** (medium dwarf). Very bright salmon-pink with lighter shadings and crimson eye. One of the most popular of Phloxes. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

**Europea** (medium). White, with crimson-carmine eye. Flowers and trusses large.

**Frau Antoine Buchner** (medium). Probably the finest white Phlox. Individual flowers and trusses large.

**Geo. A. Strohlein** (medium). The flowers are a shade of light rose, with large, bright carmine eye; extra large flowers and clusters.

**Grideur** (medium). White, distinctly blushed with a beautiful shade of orange-scarlet and center crimson. Very large florets and clusters.

**Independence** (tall). Compact, pyramidal panicles of medium sized, pure white flowers; early and a long time in bloom.

**Jules Cambon** (dwarf). Carmine-amaranth, distinct white center.

**La Vague** (medium). Mauve-rose with cherry center; extra large trusses.

**Miss Lingard** (*Phlox Suffruticosa*). Tall growing; white, with faint lilac eye. Blooms a month earlier than other kinds and usually produces two or three crops of flowers during the season.

**Mrs. Jenkins** (tall). Flowers pure white; vigorous growing plants.

**Pantheon** (medium). Beautiful, light rose-pink with a faint halo. Flowers and trusses large.

**Prime Minister** (tall). Flowers pure white with distinct carmine-rose eye; trusses large, branched.

**Prof. Virchow** (medium). Deep bright red, overlaid with orange-scarlet.

**R. P. Struthers** (tall). Clear cherry red, suffused with salmon shades; deep red eye; fine large trusses.

**Rynstrom** (tall). Beautiful clear rose-pink. Immense flowers and trusses.

**Thor** (medium). A splendid new variety of a lovely shade of deep salmon-pink, suffused and overlaid with a scarlet glow. Very large trusses and individual flowers. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

**Viking** (tall). Rich deep rose; large flowers. New.

**Von Hochberg** (medium). Rich velvety-crimson; large. One of the handsomest.

**W. C. Egan** (medium). Flowers delicate lilac-pink with solferino eye; very large; fine.

**Wm. Ramsey** (medium). Deep velvety-purple; bright handsome trusses.

**Subulata** (*Moss Pink*). Rose-pink; blooms in May; useful for low beds and for edging.

## **HARDY PERENNIALS—General Collection**

While we do not carry a large number of varieties, yet we grow a very select list of the best and hardiest Perennials.

Strong plants, 20 cents each; \$2.00 per dozen, except as noted.

**Achillea, The Pearl.** Small double white flowers. July. 18 inches.

**Anemone Japonica.** The Windflowers are among the most showy of autumn-blooming perennials. Varieties in white, rose and pink. Spring delivery only. 25 cents each; \$2.50 per dozen.

**Aquilegia Mrs. Scott Elliott Hybrids.** A strain of long spurred Columbines, comprising a great range of beautiful colors. Blooms in May and June. 3 to 4 ft.

**Baptisia Australis.** The plant is of upright spreading habit; flowers dark blue, borne in long sprays. 2½ ft. 35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.

**Campanula Carpatica (Harebells).** Compact tufts, flowers blue, held on wiry stems, during summer. 9 inches.

**C. Carpatica Alba.** A pure white-flowered form of the above.

**Chrysanthemums.** Old-time, large-flowered, in the following hardy sorts, blooming in late fall:

Golden Queen—Yellow.

Indian—Indian-red.

Old Homestead—Rose-pink.

Victory—Snowy white.

**Convallaria (Lily-of-the-Valley).** Especially useful for shady places.

**Delphinium (Larkspur).** Stately flowers that supply a color and form that nothing else gives. 3 to 5 ft.

**D. Belladonna.** Handsome flowers borne in great abundance on tall, upright spikes. Sky-blue flowers from the last of May until frost.

**D. Formosum.** Dark blue, with light center. Very vigorous.

**Euphorbia Corollata.** Bears numerous white flowers during the summer months



and is very effective when cut and used with Gladioli and other flowers. 2 to 3 ft.

**Funkia Subcordata** (White Day, or August Lily). Leaves very large, dark green. The fragrant, pure white flowers appear in August. 40 cents each.

**Gaillardia Grandiflora** (Blanket Flower). Its flowers are large, yellow, with dark red center. May to November. 2 ft. Should be planted in early spring.

**Hibiscus "Red Chief."** A very conspicuous crimson-red variety of Mallow growing about five feet high. 50 cents each.

**Poppy, Oriental.** Gorgeous, flaming flowers of orange-scarlet.

**Pyrethrum Hybridum.** Fern-like foliage with daisy-like flowers on long stems. The colors range from white through the various shades of rose to red. Mixed colors only.

**Sedum Spectabilis.** Light green, heavy leaves and immense heads of showy rose-colored flowers in September. 18 inches.

**Shasta Daisy, Alaska.** Large, glistening white flowers on long stems. June.

**Statice Latifolia** (Sea Lavender). Broad dark green foliage; large trusses of minute lilac-colored flowers in July. 18 inches.

**Stokesia Cyanea** (Stokes Aster). Beautiful lavender-blue flowers in summer. 20 inches.

**Tritoma Pfitzeri** (Red-hot-poker, or Torch Lily). Blooms continually from August to killing frost, sending up fine spikes of orange-scarlet flowers. It is not absolutely hardy and should be planted in the spring and well protected during winter. 2 to 3 ft.

**Lily Candidum** (Madonna, or June Lily). The old-time, pure white garden lily. Bulbs in growth, out of pots, 35 cents each; \$3.50 per dozen.

Note—Please keep this catalogue for reference during the fall and spring (1922-1923) seasons. Our catalogue of Gladioli and Dahlias will be issued in February, a copy of which will be mailed to those interested.



**COLUMBUS FLOWER GARDENS**  
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